Introduced by Senator Campbell

February 15, 2005

An act to add Section 43830.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 250, as introduced, Campbell. Vehicular air pollution control: hydrogen fuel.

Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the entity with the responsibility for the control of air pollution from vehicular sources. Existing law authorizes the state board to adopt and implement motor vehicle emission standards and motor vehicle fuel specifications, and existing state board regulations establish specifications for alternative motor vehicle fuels, including hydrogen.

This bill would require the California Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate a steady, sustainable transition to broadbased, renewable hydrogen fuel in this state, explore options to streamline the permitting process, and provide guidelines to local permitting agencies for hydrogen fuel codes and standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 43830.5 is added to the Health and
2   Safety Code, to read:
3   43830.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that California
4   implement a hydrogen fuel program based on a carefully
5   designed phased approach that closely couples station

1 deployment with commercialization of vehicles and other
2 products.
3   (b) The Legislature finds and declares that the California
4 Environmental Protection Agency has developed a hydrogen
5 economy blueprint plan to make hydrogen fuel accessible to all
6 Californians who need it by 2010.
7   (c) The California Environmental Protection Agency shall do
8 all of the following:
9   (1) Facilitate a steady, sustainable transition to broadbased,
10 renewable hydrogen fuel in this state.
11   (2) Explore options to streamline the permitting process.
12   (3) Provide guidelines to local permitting agencies for
13 hydrogen fuel codes and standards.

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